

Here, There & Everywhere

CONCERNED CITIZENS - I.V. Concerned Citizens For a Better Community will hold a follow-up meeting concerning illegal and illicit drug activity in Illinois Valley at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition Bldg. on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will address various helpful actions valley residents can take to support valley youth and help reduce drug activity. Anyone can attend. For more information phone 592-4392 or 596-2639.

KING HOLIDAY - Monday, Jan. 19 will mark another observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Banks, schools, and city, county, state and federal offices, including post offices, will be closed.

HARLEY HAPPENING - Tickets for the I.V. Lions Labor Day Harley Raffle are available. The "hawg" that will be raffled this year is a 2004 FX DWG Dyna Wide Glide. Tickets are available at Harris & Taylor Century 21 in Cave Junction, Carlos' Mexican Restaurant, A+ Mini Storage, Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment and McGrews. For more info phone Steve Lyons at Century 21, 592-3181.

FOREST RESOURCES - Oregon Forest Resources retired forester, Jim Rombach, will be the guest speaker during the Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon meeting on Friday, Jan. 23 at noon at J.J. North's Grand Buffet in Grants Pass. Rombach will discuss recent forest fires and how they are affecting Oregon. Anyone can attend. For more information, phone (541) 476-7717.

NEW STOP - The city of Cave Junction is notifying residents that it will install two additional stop signs at the intersection of W. Lister Street and Kerby Avenue creating a four-way stop. This installation is scheduled to be completed by mid-January.

CHILDREN'S HEARTS - The Illinois Valley Branch Library invites children to make valentines to decorate the library. "Love Your Library" will end on Feb. 12. Valentines may be made by individual children or an entire family or class working together. Prizes are donated by The Illinois Valley Friends of the Library.

MEDICARE WHEELCHAIRS - All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from a number of conditions, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare, according to Angels Have Wheels. Conditions include arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair. For more information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory Coleman at (800) 810-2877.

SCHC WORKSHOP - The first in a planned series of public workshops regarding proposed development of Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The CJ City Council and SCHC directors will meet at 6 p.m. in city hall.

BASKETBALL HOOPLA - IVHS boys basketball team is having a fund-raising raffle. Prizes include a Sony 51-inch high-definition wide-screen TV; a Dell desktop computer; and a one-night stay and Sunday brunch for two at the Camas Room at Seven Feathers Resort. The drawing will be held at half-time of the last IVHS home game on Tuesday, Feb. 17. You need not be present to win. Tickets are available at all Home Valley Bank branches, Shop Smart Food Warehouse (Customer Service Center), Taylor's Sausage Country Store, Selma Video, and Pizza Pit.

LAST WORDS - If three people call you an ass, put on a bridle. (Spanish proverb)

Editorial

A storm has brewed between the city of Cave Junction and the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, which is unfortunate, to use the word underscored by Sheriff Dave Daniel during the city council meeting on Monday night, Jan. 12.

Daniel used the word in reference to comments by Mayor Ed Faircloth in a page 3 story in the Dec. 10 issue. Unfortunately, the sheriff's tone seemed to some that he was blaming "Illinois Valley News" for the comments made by the mayor.

On Monday night, Daniel told the council that no deputies want to serve as the city contract officer, apparently because of the mayor's criticisms about coverage and the city getting its money's worth. It seems to us that the sheriff, as the person in charge, simply needs to exercise his authority and assign a deputy.

Also, if there are problems between the city and the sheriff's office, it would seem better to address them immediately, rather than waiting a month. The council has made clear its desire to have better dialogue, and has indicated that there is frequently no response to its pointing out identified problem areas to the sheriff's office.

It sounds like the age-old communication problem, possibly between the mayor and sheriff.

It would behoove the city and sheriff's office to remedy that situation. The citizenry deserves nothing less.

Clubs & Organizations

READ

Book discussion group

Illinois Valley Branch Library's book discussion group, Reading, Eating, And Discussing (READ), is reading Barbara Kingsolver's most recent book of essays, *Small Wonder*, to discuss next month.

READ meets on first Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the back room of the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St., CJ. Read the book, show up, talk. That's all it takes to join.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 4. For more info phone 597-2007.

American Legion

During the meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 on Jan. 7, it was voted to donate shoes to Lorna Byrne Middle School as there is quite a need for the children there.

The Junior girls were invited to a lunch in Medford to honor women veterans on Feb. 14. They are excited about it.

Fund-raisers were discussed for the Juniors to raise money for their projects. We will be making vests for them as we need more.

District Meeting will be Jan. 31 in Medford. Lunch at noon; meeting at 1 p.m.

Feb. 1, the "4 Chaplains Service" will be held at the American Legion Post at 10:30 a.m.

I.V. Garden Club

When should I prune my trees? How much should I take off? Do you have other pruning questions?

Come to the Friday, Jan. 16 meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden Club, Sonny Ness, retired certified urban forestry arborist, will try to answer your questions on pruning trees.

Horticulture Table - Show and Tell: Winter interest evergreens and

shapely branches.

Co-hostesses: Donelle Kemmer, Joan Guilbert, and June Robinson.

Meeting starts at 1 p.m. with coffee hour at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 200 W. Watkins St., Cave Junction on third Fridays unless otherwise noted.

For more information phone 592-2941 or 592-4257. Anyone can attend meetings.

Waldo Mining District

The Waldo Mining District will hold its first public meeting of 2004 on Wednesday, Jan. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

Items on the agenda include: The Siskiyou regional Education Project's suit against the Siskiyou National Forest (SNF) "designed to severely limit or prohibit all mining activities in or near water including for gold panning, sluicing, and especially suction dredging."

The district's counter-suit against SNF is designed to allow mining as allowed under the current laws and regulations, and the district's suit against the secretary of commerce to remove several species of local salmon from the threatened and endangered species list.

The current rising price of gold, and what that means for miners and claim owners, along with other mining issues, also will be discussed.



COUGARS SQUELCH HONKERS - Illinois Valley boys varsity basketball team beat Lakeview 74-65 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym on Friday night, Jan. 9. For the Cougars, Mike Bertsch and Jon Riley teamed for 44 points. Illinois Valley is 1-2 in the Skyline Conference. (Photos by Michelle Binker)

**Fund-raiser for the
IVHS Boys
Basketball**

Raffle with many prizes! Other great prizes including:
\$100 Gates Home Furnishing gift certificate,
Pizza for a year from Pizza Pit
and much more...

GRAND PRIZE:
Sony 51" High Definition Wide Screen TV
(\$2,400 value)

SECOND PRIZE:
Dell desktop computer
with all-in-one
printer/scanner/cooler/fax

THIRD PRIZE:
One Night Stay
& Sunday Brunch for Two
at the Camas Room
at Seven Feathers Resort

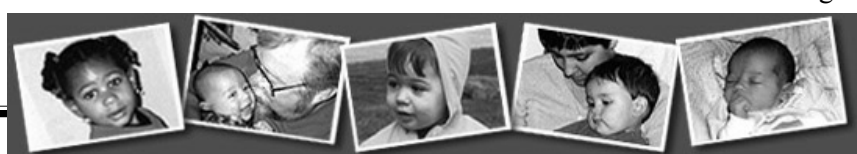
Tickets:
\$5 ea. or 5 for \$20
Available at:
All Home Valley Bank branches,
Shop Smart Food Warehouse
(Customer Service Center),
Taylor's Sausage Country Store,
Selma Video & Pizza Pit.

Also outside Grants Pass Wal Mart
Monday, Wednesday & Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.
starting Saturday, Jan. 17.
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IVHS home game on Tuesday, Feb. 17.
Need not be present to win.

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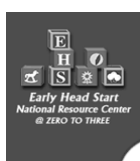
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EHS is for low income pregnant women, infants and toddlers living in the Illinois Valley. All services are free for those who qualify. We welcome children with certified disabilities regardless of income!



Cave Junction Early Head Start offers:

Parent/Child Groups

For Pregnant Women and Children Birth to 3 Years of Age Which include:

One Parent/Child Play Group per Week with parent support!

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Toddler Groups

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Suzan McNally

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(541) 592-3259



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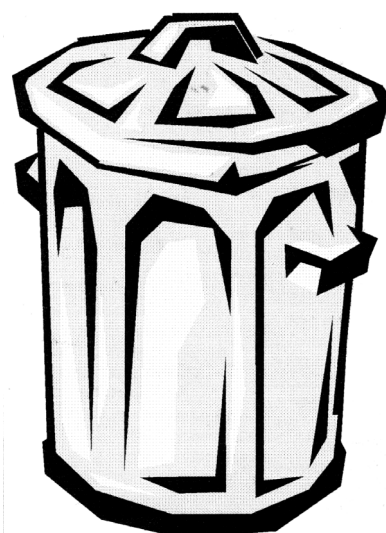
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